



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 14

Meeting Date: 10-17-06

Meeting Location: Bartholomew Co. DCS Conference Room

Council Members Present: Ruthi Alewine, Helen Jackson, Dennis Carmichael, LaDonna Simpson, Jack Tandy, Mary Medler, Alfredo Salazar, Cindy Doyle-Winslow

Council Members Absent: Heather Mollo, Mark Lloyd, and Michael Williams.

Others In Attendance: Susie Ross, Preventative Aftercare; Karla Davis, Community Partners for Child Safety; Kevin Roach, Youth Connections; Kelly Ulreich, Columbus, Behavioral Center; Sarah Sullivan, Fountain Consulting; and John Nickoll, White's Family Services

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:35

- 1. First Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Follow up on Community Forum held Sep. 18 at North Christian Church. Event Summary; 115 registrations received, 98 pre-registered (Jackson-12, Jennings-9, Johnson-22, Shelby-16, Bartholomew-26, Other Counties-13), "Day of" registrations-32, total attendees-130. Evaluation Results; Overall rating- 7.9, Director Payne- 8.6, Community Partners- 6.8, Practice Reform- 6.9, Break Out Sessions; Jackson- 6, Bartholomew- 5.9, Jennings- 9.3, Johnson- 9.4, Shelby- 8.6. Through the break out sessions each county picked 3 issues and/or concerns that the RSC will be reviewing on Oct. 23. There were 39 "Count on Me" forms returned and 109 commitments made.
- 2. Second Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Strategic Planning will be held at Hotel Nashville (245 North Jefferson St. 812-988-8400) on Oct. 23, 9:30 to 3:00 with lunch on site. Members will be going over stat sheets, population, employment & services. Morning session will be educating us on all the stats. Afternoon session will be identifying most pressing issues in the counties and developing a plan of action. Majority of members will be attending retreat.

- 3. Third Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Update on Community Partners was given by Karla Davis. The steering committee has met. The first meeting had 4 attendees. They would like to have 2-4 per county in attendance. If you have any names send them to Karla. There will be a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 19 in the United Way boardroom discussing mission and vision. Karla asked RSC members if the steering committee should hire liaisons and how many liaisons should be hired? She suggested 2 for the time being and then maybe 1 per county. This would include Karla and 4 others. She also asked if the RSC should be involved in the hiring process. The members were in agreement that they should be involved in hiring the liaisons. Ruthi asked what the cost for the liaisons are, and does this come out of the start up funds. Karla stated the cost could come out of start up funds and the funds for continuing services and handed out a job description and salary information. Cindy asked if they would be on call 24/7. Karla stated that it is the intention that they would be. Cindy asked if the liaisons would be told that they would be on call since it was not stated on the job description. Karla stated that the description may need to be changed. The liaisons would be working with families to provide services & goods, some being free. These would be known as hard goods. Karla's goal is to get these hard goods for free from someone else, so the cost does not come from the Community Partners fund. Mary remarked that each county should have their own liaison and that there should be a maximum amount set on hard goods. A formal vote was taken. There was a majority for one per county, but Honorable Judge Tandy commented that maybe should start out with 2 and Karla to see how referrals go. Alfredo asked if each liaison would also work in other counties; Karla answered that this "could" happen if one county had low number of referrals and another had high number. Dennis would like more information on the types of cases that Marion County program handles; Karla will get that and stated that she can try to bring one of their liaisons to the next meeting. Cindy asked what the timeline on hiring was. Karla stated pretty quickly so that they could be trained by January.
- 4. Forth Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Dr. Toni Laskey training has been set up April 18, 2007. Dr. Laskey is a Professor of Pediatrics for Riley Hospital. She will be giving a Forensic Pediatric overview regarding abuse, sex abuse, head trauma, sexual assault, and child exploitation. Place to be announced at a later time. Honorable Jack Tandy & Dennis Carmichael will be checking on available sites in their counties. Target audience will be medical and school personnel, CPS staff and Law Enforcement.
- 5. Fifth Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Review / Input in draft protocols for RSC were tabled till next meeting.

- 6. Sixth Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Update on Voluntary Service cases. Don't have any. Jennings just closed last two.
- 7. Seventh Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Report of expenditures over \$1000 by any county. Mary stated that Children's Bureau is one that is over \$1000. Ruthi commented that it is unclear as to what the state is wanting in this report and she will attempt to get clarification. One of the protocols tabled to the next meeting is on this topic.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: Strategic Planning Retreat; Hotel Nashville; 9:30-3:00
November 21, 2006, Bartholomew County DCS Conference room, 8:30 – 10:00

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:10 a.m.